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A view of the south-bound driving lane of Interstate 15 (Ulm-Gore Hill segment) captured shortly after the new highway had been dedicated. Photographer, Garry Wunderwald, couldn't resist grabbing off this shot of one of the fast-moving squalls that raced across hill and plain that morning.

**Montana, from the roadway
-- stark and wondrous**



New highway maps out

The first bulk shipments of the new 1971 Montana State Highway maps were received early this month and are being distributed throughout the state and the nation, according to Scotty Warden, state advertising director. Shown looking over the new edition in the Governor's reception room are Governor Forrest H. Anderson on the right, Scotty Warden, center, and Lewis M. Chittim, state highway engineer.

This four-color edition of the map was printed by Sweeney, Krist and Dimm, Inc., of Portland, Oregon and features a cover color photograph of Flathead Lake. The map face is up-



dated listings of State Parks and Recreation Areas, National Monuments and Recreation Areas, Historic Sites and basic information on fishing and hunting. Also included is a summary of the Old West Trail and the Lewis and Clark Trail.

The back of the folder contains a photo of Governor Anderson fishing near Wolf Creek and a message of welcome from him to travelers. This year, Warden said, the promotional side of the map features a 17" x 19" color impact photograph of St. Mary Lake in Glacier National Park plus spot insets of other scenic locations throughout the state. The large picture is designed so that it may be trimmed and used as a display poster.

Joseph Armstrong, chief geologist

Lewis M. Chittim, state highway engineer, announced late in December the appointment of Joseph E. Armstrong of Helena to the position of chief geologist, replacing Dennis Williams, who was promoted recently to division construction engineer at Bozeman.

Armstrong is a ten year veteran with the highway department, having spent three years in the preconstruction department and seven years in the materials lab.

He attended Flathead County High School, Kalispell, and graduated from the University of Montana with a B. A. in geology. Before coming to work with the state agency, Armstrong was employed by International Minerals & Chemicals, Chicago, Ill., and Fairchild Aerial Camera, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.

As chief geologist Armstrong will be in charge of all geological and subsurface investigations for the highway department through the core drill and geology sections, analyzing results and making recommendations.

He is married to the former Sidney O'Malley of Helena and they have four children.

Diplomacy under the Big Sky

For the second time Montana played host to a group of touring foreign ministers. Thirty-five diplomats from Washington, D.C., embassies and the United Nations missions arrived in Whitefish, Monday, Feb. 1, to enjoy a few days of Montana's remarkable skiing and other wintertime activities.

The stop was part of a two-week northwest winter excursion sponsored by the Travel Program for Foreign Diplomats, Inc., of New York City. Arriving by train from Minneapolis where they were guests at the annual Winter Carnival the group enjoyed skiing the Big Mountain, snowmobiling, visiting and staying with families in Whitefish and Kalispell before departing on February 3 for Spokane and Seattle.

The guests were from Czechoslovakia, Madagascar, Poland, Zambia, Paraguay, Tunisia, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Switzerland, Botswana, France, Spain, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, Iran, Ireland, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Pakistan, People's Dem. Rep. of Yemen, South Africa; Nigeria, Honduras, Austria, Brazil, Finland, Jordan, Libya, Malta, Norway and the United Arab Republic.

The tour was coordinated with the assistance of the State Advertising Department in Helena, according to Josephine Brooker, assistant director. A similar group visited the Big Sky Country last summer on a three-week camping excursion.

C. E. course offered

This course will cover the stress distribution in soil masses subject to loads, active and passive earth pressures, settlement of foundations, stability of slopes, flow nets and earth dams. Place: Helena High School, Room 8—7:00-10:00 P.M. Tuesdays.

The course will be taught by Dr. Glen Martin. It will be a three credit graduate level course and will end on or about April 28. A background of one undergraduate course in soil mechanics or the equivalent is necessary.

The fee for the course is \$60.00. Registration and the first session began on February 9.

Nothing can replace the modern swimsuit . . . and it almost has!

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News items of interest to Highway Department employees are invited. They should be given to the correspondents listed above.



Shown seated at the conference table in their new quarters are, left to right: Jack Blacker, Dick Michels, Jim Adams, Tony Softich, Bob Kelley, Frank Hays and Fred Wolfe. The ladies standing behind Tony Softich are: Vicky Peres, Ruby Foster, Karen Lucky and Peg Dolan. Sidney T. Smith, commissioner of labor, was not present when the picture was taken.

Labor and EEO sections move

Early last month, with a flurry of activity, the Labor Compliance and Equal Opportunity sections and the Department of Labor and Industry along with the Apprenticeship Council moved to new offices in the Depot Park section of Helena. The group formerly was housed, in part, in the Wheat house just west of the headquarters building.

The new address of the Department of Labor and Industry and the Apprenticeship Council is 1331 Helena Avenue. Personnel in the Department of Labor include: Sidney T. Smith, Commissioner of Labor; Tony Softich, Asst. Commissioner of Labor; Fred Wolfe, Field Representative and Ruby Foster, Secretary.

The following are with the Apprenticeship Council: : Dick Michels, Deputy Director; Jack Blacker, Field Representative and Karen Lucky, Secretary.

The address for the Labor Compliance section and E.E.O. office is 1434 Roberts Avenue. Personnel for Labor Compliance: Frank A. Hays, Labor Compliance Officer; Robert Kelley, Field Labor Inspector and Peg Dolan, Clerk III.

The E.E.O. section is made up of: James D. Adams, EEO Officer; W. Carl Colbert, Asst. EEO Officer and Vicky A. Peres, Steno I.

One newly remodeled and refurbished building houses the entire group.



Vicky Peres, foreground; Frank Hays and Peg Dolan, center; and Bob Kelley, background, shown at their desks in the new quarters at 1434 Roberts Avenue.

Fulkerson to talk at Bismarck

Clint Fulkerson, safety director, plans to attend the Western States Safety Conference at Bismarck, North Dakota, March 24th and 25th. Scene of the conclave will be the Holiday Inn there.

Chairman and co-chairman of the event are William Rodgers, safety officer with the Colorado Division of Highways and Paul Feyerisen, car and safety supervisor of the North Dakota State Highway Department.

Topics to be discussed will include eye safety, snowplow accidents, accident review boards, general problems in safety and how a program helps; pre-employment physicals, workmen's compensation and sign vandalism.

Commissioners appointed from Wolf Point and Helena

Governor Forrest H. Anderson Thursday, Jan. 28, 1971 announced the appointments of George Vucanovich, Helena auto dealer, and R. E. "Pete" Coffey, Wolf Point broadcast official, to the Montana State Highway Commission. The information was carried in an AP release datelined January 29.

The men begin four-year terms February 1, replacing John J. Leary, Kalispell, who has been vice chairman of the five-member board, and Joseph M. Nass, Poplar, who has been the chairman.

"This is the first time since the beginning of the Highway Commission in 1913 that there has been a commissioner from Helena," the governor said in a prepared statement.

The Governor complimented both Nass and Leary on their work for the state.

Vucanovich, a Butte native, worked for a credit agency in Butte and Billings before moving to Helena in 1945. He is a past president of the Helena Auto Dealers Association and recently resigned as chairman of the State Board of Pardons.

Coffey, who was born at Wolf Point, operated an insurance and real estate agency there and helped organize a bank before establishing radio station KVCK in 1945. He is general manager and co-owner of the broadcast station.

Coffey's experience includes two terms as mayor of Wolf Point, six years as a Roosevelt County commissioner as well as service as vice president of the Eastern 18 Counties Economic Development Association.

Thompson retirement party set

Watch for (and plan to attend) the retirement party scheduled in Missoula for Sam Thompson, special assignments engineer. Date is March 13; place—the Elk's Club.

The personality adjustment hour from 6:30 — dinner 7:30 and dancing from 9:00, our Missoula notice reads, until the "wee-sma-hours."

We were reminded that reservations must be in the Missoula office no later than March 5.

Plan to attend!

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Miles City

A son was born to MR. and MRS. BRUCE LARSON November 25, 1970 (day before Thanksgiving and something to be really thankful for). Joel Bennett is his name and he is the first child in the family. Bruce is an Engineering Aide II with Ray Garland's crew.

The PHIL OWENS' are grandparents for the second time with the birth of a boy born December 7, 1970 in Bozeman to their daughter VICKI and her husband VIC GARBER. Vic attends Montana State

College in Bozeman. Phil is our Sectionman at Beaverslide.

LINDA and FRANK E. REHM are the parents of a boy (their first child) born on January 1, 1971 at a Miles City hospital at 6:35 p.m. (missed that tax exemption by a few hours, sorry about that Frank!) The new baby has been named Frank E. Rehn, III. Frank II is an engineering aide II with DEL BORER'S crew.

So many construction personnel were on vacation during December that it was pretty quiet around the Miles City Division Office. Out of

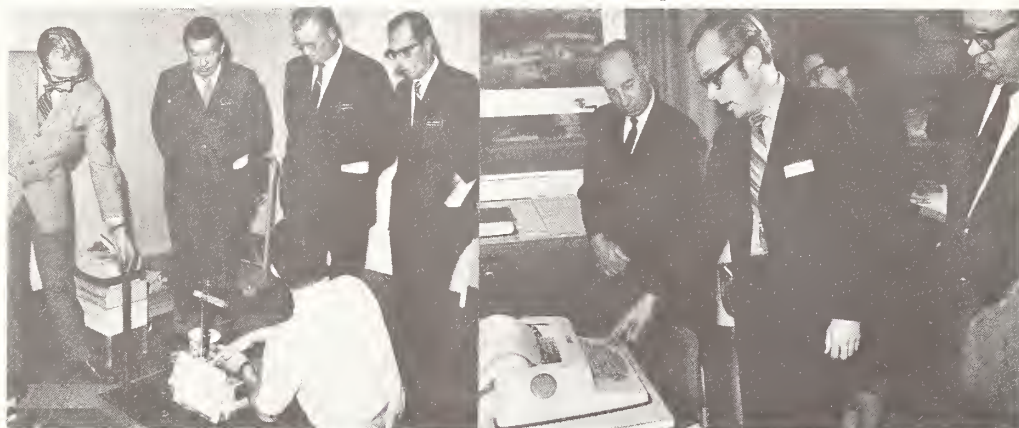
the 60 working in construction, 35 were on vacation.

Like most of the state of Montana, the Miles City division was no exception when it came to being a "Winter Wonderland" especially for snowmobilers. During the weekend of January 8th through 10th, we received from four to 16 inches of new snow and more was later to come the following week.

At this writing, GEORGE (BABE) MICKUS, GVW scale supervisor, is recovering very nicely from his recent heart attack and is expected to leave the hospital for home tomorrow (January 16).

EILEEN and RAY GARLAND, Resident Engineer II, returned home January 14 from a vacation trip to Arizona by way of Utah and Idaho and found the trip a little rough. It was snowing and blowing so bad through Price, Utah into Provo that they could hardly see the road in front of them, and for about 10 miles, they would have to stop frequently to be sure where the road was. They report that the citrus crop throughout Arizona has been hard hit and severely damaged by frost.

—Jean Sweeney, Miles City



Open house staged for Legislators

The third legislative open house was held January 19th, in Helena headquarters for the benefit of those members of the Forty-second Legislature who have not visited our highway plant before. The affair was scheduled from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Displays and activities were planned on every floor of the headquarters building, and "Big Sky-Big Snow" along with "Montana Oranges" were shown to selective audiences on a

schedule of twice each for the afternoon and early evening. Girls from various departments throughout the highway plant volunteered to serve as hostesses and guides and did an exceptionally competent job. Refreshments were served in the lobby.

Helena, being the busy place it is nowadays, with something or other going on almost every hour of the day, our open house attendance could be characterized as fair. In every instance, however, legislators and their wives showed and expressed interest in everything they saw.

Condolences

Our sympathy is extended to the following: Homer O. Wheeler, Helena headquarters, on the passing of his father in Hardin, Wednesday, Jan. 20th. Funeral services for Homer's father were held January 25th in Hardin.

And to Gene Pfeiffer on the death of his mother on January 28. Mrs. Fred (Hattie) Pfeiffer, 80, was buried on Saturday the 30th in the Sunset Memorial Gardens, Helena.

Engineer-in-training sessions scheduled

Evening review sessions on engineering fundamentals in preparation for registration as Engineer-in-Training, sponsored by the Butte Chapter, Montana Society of Engineers, were scheduled to begin Thursday, Feb. 4, 1971, at Montana Tech in Butte. The sessions will conclude on April 15th.

The application deadline for E.I.T. exams will be about March 1, 1971.

Kalispell

With the passing of this year Tannenbaum and return from yule festivities the division is again returning to normal. The troops at the main fort have been bolstered with the addition of forces from Libby under ARNIE MOHL and the expedition from the reservation at Ronan lead by our newest resident JERRY ROAT. ELDEN GAMACHE is also spending the winter in headquarters from the bridge job at Bull lake.

The Christmas season with its annual letters brought notice that some of the former gang are still alive and well . . . cards and letters were received from Bill Purvis, Jim Clayton and Worth Clark. We renewed an old and wonderful custom this year by putting on a small feed that was instituted by the late Slim Smith and we all hope it once more returns to its former glory and gaiety.

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JIM LAUCKNER managed to gain a new tax deduction for the year when his wife, Rose, presented him with a baby boy on December 15, 1970. Also a new comer is the granddaughter, Kelly Jean, to BILL HEBERT, division maintenance supervisor. This is his first and he is duly proud of the event. Maintenance foreman, FLOYD PAULI, will be flying to California January 20, 1971 to attend the wedding of his son, Steve. Floyd's wife, Lola, flew out last week to help with any final arrangements.

EARL McLAUHLIN and his crew at Summit and BILL SANDS and gang at Nyack have been doing a commendable job in keeping the pass open in spite of the series of slides that keep blocking the road. The blast of winter that struck the first of January with a gross amount of snow and blustery winds has been replaced with Chinook type weather that has melted much of the white stuff . . . now the maintenance crews who worked so hard to keep the drifting snow off the roads are confronted with so much melted snow the streets began to take on the aspect of Venice and one expects to see the boys spring out in an old gondoliers song.

Many of the boys are taking advantage of the school on basic and advanced engineering being presented by TOM BARNARD and JIM KEITHLEY respectively.

One of the unattached males, KEN DAVIS, is about to be hobbled about the time of the event of St. Valentine.

LINDA MILLER our smiling office girl extends an invitation to all to join in the snow catting in the areas . . . she says it is GGGGREAT.

—Bob Finley, Kalispell

Missoula

M. GENE KINGCADE rolled a 300 game a league bowling competition at the Treasure State Bowling Center not too long ago. Bowling in the Treasure State Commercial League, he rolled games of 191, 192 and 300 for his 683 series. Cash prizes and a diamond ring were the awards for this achievement.

Gene started work with the highway department in May, 1947. He was assigned to Noxon to repair equipment being used for construction, gravel crushing, and maintenance. At that time, the state had it's own crushing crew, and was in the process of reconstructing a section of old U.S. 10-A west of Noxon. After three months, Gene worked at Ravalli for a short time, then was transferred into the Missoula shop in September, where he has been permanently stationed.



In December of 1952, he had brain surgery in Great Falls for removal of a tumor, which resulted in paralysis of the right arm. The surgeon suggested that bowling would be the best therapy; thus, Gene started league bowling in 1954.

Gene has participated in seven national A.B.C. tournaments throughout the United States, placed 25th in the National All-Events in Oakland, Calif. in 1964, won the Open Single Classic in Missoula in 1962 and in Fairfield in 1966. He currently holds the title of 2nd Vice President of the State Bowling Association, Vice President of the local bowling association, alternate delegate to the state from the local association, and State Director of American Junior Bowling Congress.

Master Sergeant Kingcade retired from the Army Reserve in 1967, with 24 years of service (including three years in Europe during World War II.) His lovely wife, GERRY, is also active in bowling. She has bowled 278 in league play, and is presently director and instructor of the junior bowling program at the Liberty lanes in Missoula. What do the Kingcade's do in their spare time! Raise toy poodles.

Suggestion of the month—From TOM OERTLI who has been stationed high in the mountains atop Lookout Pass since May 6, 1969; highways should be built on the flats, then taken to the mountains and rolled out in the same manner

that a carpet is laid.

Sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to: MRS. MAURICE MALONE in Community Hospital. LEE HUNTER in St. Patrick's Hospital. JOHN F. VAN VYNCK (although not hospitalized, JFVV has been complaining of housemaid's knee, which he claims has resulted from spending too much time on his knees in prayer. We are inclined to believe that it is a result of too much round and square dancing.)

Recent transfers: CARL CLAWSON from Drummond to Saltese; JAMES SHORT from Missoula to Thompson Falls; JAMES NORRIS from Drummond to Thompson Falls; WILLIAM BRAZILL, MOHAMMED HANIF, RON JONES and GREG SWEETSER from Lincoln to Missoula..

Births — Marianne Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM K. BYRNE, was born on October 2, 1970. Weight 6 pounds 5 ounces. Judy Rae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. CHESTER AHLIN, was born on October 3, 1970. Weight 6 pounds 3 ounces. Billie Jo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM J. NELSON, was born on October 10, 1970.

Recent birthdays: ROGER BLOSSOM, LEONARD BRAY, BILL G. CORDIS, GARY EICHERT, WILLIAM K. GOODMAN, PAUL HOVDEY, RONALD A. JONES, GENE M. KINGCADE, LUTHER LUCERO, ALBERT D. LUTKE, GARY MARIN, ROSCOE W. MITCHELL, DONALD A. NELSON, PETER B. ODEGARD, TERRY G. PICKERING, FRANCIS W. ROLLINS, CLIFFORD H. SKAGGS, PHILIP C. STRUNA, EDWARD O. WORDEN, CHARLES A. WRIGHT, JR.

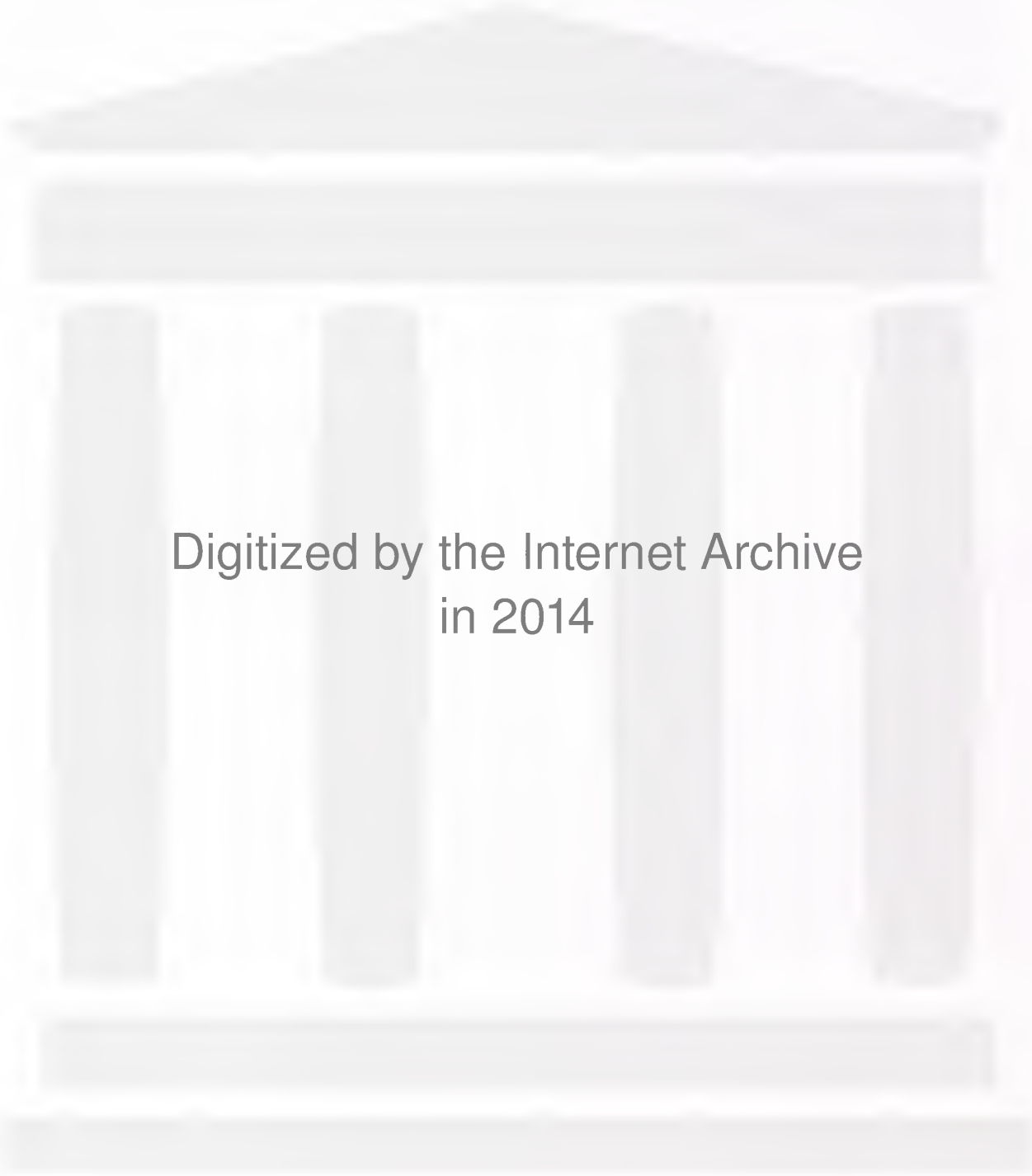
—Clara Neely, Missoula

Bozeman

Local 1621 held its annual Christmas party on December 12th in Bozeman. DENNIS WILLIAMS, our new division engineer, and his wife joined the party and everyone had a rousing good time getting acquainted.

KENNETH and CLEO JONES have just returned from a fabulous

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Remember How it was when Big Sky Country was also Big Muddy? Not Too Long Ago!



You have several options on center line selection as is evident in this shot of the road near Noxon, Montana. The time was March 21, 1938. In those days, it took skill as well as faith to negotiate the roads.



This view, above, taken on April 10, 1932, near the summit of King's Hill, shows how early-day snow removal operations were conducted. It never has been easy work.

Driving did not get one bit better as one got to the top of King's Hill. While the picture, right, was made a year later, the driving possibilities were not much more encouraging.

The roads in Montana have come a long way from that which is shown in the photographic spread above; they have, in fact, taken Montana out of the mud. Nonetheless, it makes good sense still to take a big-picture-look at what is known to be coming, especially since we have with us yet a continuing flap about paying-over the country side.

Our most astute statisticians tell us that in the next 30 years, the population of the United States will total 300 million—an increase of 100 million. To accommodate this increase, it will be necessary to build as many dwelling units as have been built since the landing of the pilgrims 350 years ago. Transportation demands will be even greater. Highway travel will double by 1985 and double again by 2000. Despite these continually growing demands, proportionally less urban land is now devoted to highways than in the past. It is also noteworthy that while there are now 3.7 million miles of roads and streets in the United

States, over 80 per cent of this mileage was in existence when the Federal-aid highway program was instituted in 1916. (Figures from the 1970 "Highway Environment Reference Book", Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D. C.).

Highway departments, however, are not just building roads to take care of travel and transportation needs. They are following guidelines that take cognizance of social responsibilities. Today when plans are made for future highway needs, they go beyond just miles of road: plans must include joint development, air rights, aesthetics, environmental factors, multiple use, roadside development, scenic enhancement, relocation assistance, safety, improvement of traffic operations, equal employment opportunity, improved public transportation and many other items. The days ahead are going to be challenging ones without question.

At the time this mountain road shot was made, the highway was known as US 87-W. Today it is US 89—and an all-year road where you can find ski buffs in all their glory—seasonally. The photograph at the left shows how the road looked about a mile down from the top of the King's Hill road—US 87-W.

(DON'T FORGET — 10th ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNEY — LEWISTOWN, MONTANA, SCHEDULED MAY 1 & 2, 1971).

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trip to Hawaii over the holidays. Alas, they didn't bring back a grass skirt.

The DICK MILLER'S and ELLIOTT BARKELL'S spent Christmas touring California and the BUS QUIGLEY'S journeyed to Washington.

LEWIS A. LARSON retired January 1, 1971, and a retirement party will be held on February 20th in Big Timber for him. Our best wishes to Louie

JAY GROEPPER, summer employee with the highway department, recently received quite an honor when he received a post graduate scholarship from the National Collegiate Athletic Association. He is one of 19 in the U. S. receiving this scholarship. Jay is majoring in Pre-Med and is tentatively planning to attend the University of Washington.

BILLY C. FORD and SWEDE JENSEN are both nursing broken bones. Billy C. broke his ankle while snowmobiling and Swede broke his foot when a horse fell on him while he was calf roping. Mrs. BOB CHAPMAN suffered a bad break in her leg just before Christmas while emptying the garbage. Bet Bob gets to empty the garbage from now on.

FRANCIS PHIPPS has returned from Spokane after undergoing open heart surgery on November 30. He has recovered by leaps and bounds and is really enjoying life now.

Our gal in the office, DORIS JOHNSON, is anticipating a visit from the stork this coming spring. Naturally she is receiving all kinds of good advice on the raising of children from all us pros.

Service awards were presented for 10 years service each to ERWIN ELGEN, RAY SWANSON and DENNIS WILSON recently by division engineer Dennis Williams.

The Bozeman division maintenance crews have been busy hauling snow off the local city streets using a rotary. It sure does a good and fast job.

PAT LETENDRE celebrated her birthday recently and we all enjoyed cake and ice cream in honor of the occasion.

—Barbara McGuire, Bozeman



Service awards given

Service Awards representing 150 years of service were presented at a meeting of the Highway Department maintenance employees at Citizens National Bank on January 7 in Wolf Point. Those shown standing from left to right are: W. A. Blake, division maintenance supervisor; John Colgan, 30 years, Wolf Point; Edgar (Mike) Fossum, 25 years, Wolf Point; Theodore Lee, 20 years, Wolf Point; Russell Scoville, 20 years, Wolf Point; Dan Plouffe, five years, Wolf Point; Bruce Russell, district engineer, Glendive. Seated are: Harold Juell, 10 years, Wolf Point; Wilbert Schiedewitz, 10 years, Culbertson; and Darrell Liner, five years, Wolf Point.

Wolf Point

Awards were presented for a total of 150 years of service to the Montana Highway Department in a ceremony at a meeting held at The Citizens First National Bank at Wolf Point on January 7, 1971. Those pictured left to right, standing are: W. A. BLAKE, division maintenance supervisor, Wolf Point; JOHN COLGAN, 30 years of service, Wolf Point; EDGAR (MIKE) FOSSUM, 25 years of service, Wolf Point; THEODORE LEE, 20 years of service, Wolf Point; RUSSELL SCOVILL, 20 years of service, Wolf Point; Sacajawea (she sneaked in); DAN PLOUFFE, five years of service, Wolf Point; BRUCE RUSSELL, District Engineer from Glendive. Those seated from left to right are: HAROLD JUELL, 10 years of service, Wolf Point; FREDRICK STRATTON, 15 years of service, Glasgow; GARY McCREA, 10 years of service, Wolf Point; WILBERT SCHLEDEWITZ, 10 years of service, Culbertson; and DARREL LINER, five years of service, Wolf Point.

VERN GRAY of the safety department from Billings attended our maintenance meeting on January 7

and gave the fellows a talk on safety.

Mr. and Mrs. CARL STENNES are the parents of a girl. Carl is a engineer aide II and is presently stationed at Wolf Point on DUANE NOVAKOVICH'S crew.

MELVIN LINGLE, machinist-welder from the Wolf Point division blacksmith shop, resigned about the 11th of January to go into private business.

We held first aid schools in the division toward the end of January. One was held at Glasgow on January 26th and 27th and one at Wolf Point on the 28th and 29th. BURK TAYLOR, maintenance man from Wolf Point and JAMES BALDWIN, Resident Engineer II from Culbertson were the instructors.

—Ollie Hauge, Wolf Point

Glendive

We were pleased to have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. CHITTIM, while he was here in Glendive recently. We enjoyed his brief, but pleasant visit.

MEL KEGLEY, instrumentman, is the champion "belly bumper" of the Glendive division knocking over DENNIS TENNEY, resident engineer I. This is one of the more favorite sports around here. The fellows are getting trained to see which

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one can take on Mr. MATTHEW, division engineer.

The Glendive Bowlers are all getting in shape for the Lewistown tournament. Beware bowlers they are really on the "ball". Lewistown, here we come!

ROBERT LEY, maintenance man at Wibaux, is recuperating from what was "close to a heart attack, but it wasn't." Bob is back to work now to carry on with the fight against the usual blizzards and icy roads in this area.

JIM HEIN, R/W supervisor in Great Falls, should have his mouth full of sun flower seeds at this writing. Seems as though he can't get hold of the Good Ole North Dakota seeds up there.

The Glendive engineering rooms were painted recently, thus the engineers they are really enjoying an enlightening room.

JOE UNDEM'S shop also received a few coats of badly needed paint, which is also enjoyed by the engineers as they have their coffee in there. Things are really shaping up.

Thirty years of service was extended the Highway Commission with NORMON ENTZEL'S 25 years and GORDY STUHR'S five years. Pins and certificates were awarded these two maintenance employees. Congratulations!

On the construction side, congratulations goes out the following men for 55 years of service. WAYNE MONTE, resident engineer, 25 years; BOB EGGBRECHT, clerk V, five years; DENNIS TENNEY, resident engineer, 15 years and LARRY NISTLER, instructionman, 10 years.

'Ring Dem Bells' for LEON EIDE, engineer aide II, who slipped the ring on the finger of Candice Sailer, October 17, 1970 at the Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive.

DAVID BACON, engineer aide II, who married Marlene Hanson of Wibaux, November 28, 1970.

And, GARY JOHNSTON, engineer aide II marrying Virginia Grubaugh. Couldn't get the statistics on this marriage.

BABIES

Mr. and Mrs. ORVILLE JOHNSON, a boy, named Danny.

On November 15, 1970, Mr. and Mrs. LARRY MAIER, a 7 lb. 15 oz.

girl, Denise Deray. She has one brother, Donald Dwayne.

Mr. and Mrs. DONALD WILLIAMS, a little girl named Kerrie Dawn, 6 lbs. 9 oz. on October 31, 1970.

The Christmas party committee did an excellent job this year planning the events, dinner and dance. There were about 130 guests with contractors and sub-contractors. It was held at the Moose and the dinner was superb. Everybodys thanks and headaches are extended to ROBERT EGGBRECHT, DEAN BORGEN, ED KESSEL, KEN QUALE, LARRY NISTLER, ELTON ENGLE, BILL VOORHEES, JOE UNDEM, RUSTY WRIGG, WALT MILLER, DON BOTNEN, and CAROLE RITZ.

—Carol Ritz, Glendive

Helena—Hdq.

CAROL LIEBERG, chief negotiator, R/W, announced the arrival of his first grandchild by buying coffee for the entire first floor. The new baby, Jody Michelle, weighed in at 8 pounds on Jan. 14th, born to daughter Katherine, Mrs. Lance Lahti, of Helena.

AUDREY BRIDGES, accounting, is a new grandmother. Her son, DAVID JENNINGS, who also works for the highway department out of Conrad, became the father of a baby girl on Dec. 21.

GARRY WUNDERWALD, photo, was among the "certified bird watchers" for the Audubon Society's annual bird count during the Christmas holidays.

JOHN MURPHY is the new employee in safety, working under CLINT FULKERSON as assistant safety director. John moves here from Missoula, where he was 13 years with the Highway Patrol and four years as sheriff of Missoula County. Beginning Jan. 25, his main duties will be to travel extensively, investigating fatalities.

JULIO MORALES, legal department, is on crutches after breaking his foot in Missoula while visiting his son and daughter-in-law.

Donald Mc Cammon, son of GEORGE McCAMMON, accounting, distinguished himself and Helena

Senior High School by placing fourth in the 1971 VFW Voice of Democracy contest. Don maintains honor roll standing, was manager for the Helena Bengals during football season, and is president of his Explorer Scout troop.

—Bev Gibson

Lewistown



State Highway Commission District Engineer, C. R. Mackey, of Billings, presenting A. E. Harcharik, division maintenance supervisor, of Lewistown, with a 40-year service pin at a luncheon at the Yogo Inn on December 8, 1970. Andy Harcharik started work with the State Highway Commission on a survey crew in Belt, August, 1929. He worked with engineering crews and was in charge of the statewide oil crew until 1945 when he was transferred to Lewistown as resident maintenance engineer. He was promoted to division maintenance engineer in 1949 and has remained in this position since that date.

Our annual Christmas party was well attended by nearly 70 employees and friends. It was held at the Eagles Club and all seemed to have a good time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. EMMETT SYSUM a baby girl on Dec. 28, 1970. Tiffany joins a four-year-old brother Layton. Congratulations.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. WM. STANTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stanton, a girl weighing in at 8 lbs. 3 ozs. on Dec. 10, 1970. Archie is a mechanic and this is their first grandchild. Congratulations to all.

Mrs. CLARENCE MORGAN spent

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a few days in Billings hospital but is recovering nicely after undergoing surgery. Clarence is a maintenance man.

Lt. and Mrs. BRUCE CARR have moved back to Lewistown after spending a year at Fort Huachuca, Arizona in the army. Bruce will leave for overseas duty on Feb. 5, 1971. Mrs. Carr, the former Beth Butterfield will make her home in Lewistown temporarily.

DALE BUTTERFIELD majored in mechanical engineering in Bozeman, and this past semester made the Dean's list. Congratulations Dale. Dale and Beth are the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Butterfield. Donald is a stockman in Lewistown.

With the 20 to 24 inches of new snow, the skiers and snowmobilers have a paradise; but not for the maintenance men: they say it's nothing but plowing and sanding at all hours of the day or night to keep the roadways open. All roads in the division are in good winter travel condition, but we are hoping

the wind doesn't blow. However, the ski and snowmobile clubs planned a Winter Carnival for January 30 and 31st, for this area; an annual get-together for them.

For all interested bowlers and fans—tournament plans are progressing well—turn in the ticket stubs and fees as soon as possible. We have sent out entry forms and miscellaneous information, but if you failed to get it, please let us know. We have more tickets and tourney information available upon request. Make your plans early for May 1st and 2nd.

CHARLES BUCK'S engineering crew was transferred to Roundup from the Jordan area, except JOE BRAUNBECK, instrumentman who will remain at Jordan during construction, as an inspector. The crew will be working on Location Survey of Project F 138 (6).

ELTON STRUNK'S engineering crew transferred to Harlowton from Hobson on location survey project F 8(19).

It is so cold and the snow is so

deep in the Lewistown area that the "Key Birds" are moving in from Alaska.

Are the so-popular pant suits in or out for women employees of the State Highway Commission? Eh?

—Bea Knerr, Lewistown

Havre

Two long-time employees of the Havre division retired on December 31, 1970. Tom BULMAN, mainten-



ance foreman had served for nearly 35 years and E. N. SORESENSEN,



maintenance man II for nearly 29 years. Both make their home in Havre and have no plans to change their residence in the future.

Havre division employees who received service pins recently were JAMES K. MARSHALL, maintenance man II of Chester, 10 years, PAUL V. NICHOLSON, maintenance man II of Havre, 10 years and CHARLES E. FISHER, maintenance supervisor I who lives at St. Mary, 15 years.

Married recently were GERALD STABIO, instrumentman, on SAM HATTY'S crew working at Rudyard, and COLLEEN FOX of Chinook on December 1, 1970; also THOMAS E. SHEPHERD, engineer aide II employed on JIM DOLAN'S crew in the Shelby area and BARBARA J. SANNER on November 7th.

Former shop foreman LESTER McNEIL passed away recently. He retired in 1957 after working for the commission since 1929.

Miss DIXIE FREDERICK, daughter of stockman FRED FREDERICK and his wife LAURA LEE, and Mr.



Service pins representing 315 years of service to the State Highway Commission were awarded recently to employees by C. R. Mackey, district engineer, Billings; Vernon D. Borden, Division Engineer, Lewistown and Mr. A. E. Harcharik, Div. Maintenance Supervisor, Lewistown.

Top row, left to right—H. G. Lengemann, Winnett, 30 yrs.; W. W. Rohletter, White Sulphur Springs, 30 yrs.; Charles Ramsey, White Sulphur Springs, 10 yrs.; Douglas Durocher, Lewistown, 10 yrs.; Donald L. Henry, Lewistown, 10 yrs.

Bottom row—Bernard Adolph, Roundup, 25 yrs.; A. E. Harcharik, Lewistown, 40 yrs.; Oscar Mauland, Lewistown, 25 yrs.; Berton Spring, Lewistown, 25 yrs.; Alex Ragenovich, Lewistown, 20 yrs.

Not in picture—Donald J. Butterfield, 20 yrs.; Edward Crouse, 20 yrs.; Madison Miner, 25 yrs.; William Kindt, 25 yrs.

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ANTHONY ENGLISH were married Saturday, December 12th. They will be making their home in Havre.

Local employees of the State Highway Commission received service awards on Friday, December 11, at a banquet held at the Eagles Hall in Havre.

JAMES T. SULLIVAN, district engineer, for the Great Falls district, presented a 35-year pin and a documented appraisal of services issued by Lewis M. Chittim, state highway



engineer, to CLARENCE RAT-CHYE, office manager, Havre.

Also recognized for 25 years each were, DEAN NELSON, office engineer and WILLIAM J. NEELY, division materials supervisor, both of whom had received their pins recently.

The annual Christmas party for Havre division employees was held in conjunction with the legislative dinner on Friday, December 11th at the Eagles Hall in Havre. ELTON HARTZE and GEORGE HAMMOND monitored the proposals set up by the AFSC & ME, AFL-CIO for the 1971 legislative session. Legislators in attendance were Senators STAN STEPHENS and DAVID JAMES; Representatives ALLEN KOLSTAD, LeROY ASPEVIG, WALTER LAAS and FRANCIS BARDANOUE, Mayor PETER HAMILTON as well as about 100 employees and wives of the State Highway department and the city of Havre.

—Edna Hess, Havre

Billings

Over 100 employees and wives attended the Second Annual Billings Christmas Party. The committee is to be complimented.

NED HAMLEY retired after more than seven years service. Ned has been stockman in the shop.

BERNARD SCHMIDT and ROB-

ERT SENNETT attended a Right-of-Way Orientation Course recently in Helena.

Right-of-Way supervisor WILLIAM HAUCK and DICK SHIPMAN attended a Right-of-Way Negotiation Course.

JIMMIE L. BREWER, rodman, will attend Officers Candidate School at Fort Lewis, Washington. Jimmie has worked summers for the past three years.

WILLIAM "BILL" ARNOLD, is a welcome new employee. Bill will take over Ned Hamley's position in the stock room. Bill and his wife, Gertrude, live at 1739 Maurine St., Billings, Montana.

New births—To Mr. and Mrs. JAMES A. RANGITSCH, a son, Jerome Andrew, 10 pounds and 12 ounces. Little Jerome Andrew joins the other little J.A.R.'s. All of the Rangitsch children have the same initials, Jacquelyn Ann, James Anthony Jr., Julie Annette, Jeanne Arlene and Jeffrey Allen.

Army Captain JAY A. SCHAAF, 25, received the Air Force Medal for meritorious service in flight in support of ground operations near Pleiku, Vietnam. He is assistant commander of the 189 Aviation Company. His wife, Joan, is the daughter of EARL BROWN, Office Manager, Billings.

C. O. GRANSBERG hospitalized for surgery. At last report C. O. was doing well, here's wishing him a speedy recovery.

ROBERT KELLEHER JR., summer employee and amateur film maker recently won an honorable mention in the senior category of the annual Kodak Teenage Movie Awards. Robert attends M.S.U. in Bozeman.

STACEY ECKERT, instrumentman, has transferred to Havre. Good Luck "Stac". KENNEY FAGAN, son of JERRY FAGAN won a \$25 Savings Bond in the Billings Gazette Christmas contest. Kenney is seven and had a color drawing of the Three Wise Men taken first place. ALEX KUNKLER, has resigned and will return to Arabia. Miss Pat Meinhardt, daughter of WILLIAM R. MEINHARDT, right-of-way, received a \$1500 scholarship to Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota.

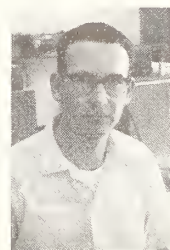
BOB QUACKENBUSH is in Lamar, Colorado.

MABEL TRYTHALL, clerk V has been with the Highway Department since May 1, 1947. She was born and raised in Red Lodge, Montana.



Mabel handles all of the personnel work for the construction department. Mabel has a daughter, Jan, living in Billings and a son, Jim, stationed in El Paso, Texas. Jim is a lieutenant in the army.

JOHN NEUDICK, clerk IV was born in Lewistown, July 13, 1942, and attended schools there. After graduation from high school, John attended Billings Business College. He was in private business in Miles City and Billings before starting with the Montana Highway Department.



John has been in the office the past three years. Previous to that he was on a survey crew. He is assistant secretary-treasurer for the Big Sky Federal Credit Union and also is an excellent tax consultant.

John has completed seven years service in the National Guard, has two children Nancy, 4 and Jeff, 3. He is a great football fan and gets in a little hunting and fishing.

—Jim Young, Billings

Butte

We take this opportunity to welcome JOAN SULLIVAN to our engineering department in Butte. Joan transferred from Helena to replace SANDY IVANICH who quit work in December. Good luck Joan from all of us.

Plans were carried out for a no-

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host retirement dinner to honor HOMER LINDSTRAND who retired in December. Lydia's was the place, with the date set January 30. And we wish a happy retirement to you Homer.

DARRYL HUNGERFORD, R/W department and his wife, Louise, spent the Christmas holiday bathing in the sun in Las Vegas. Darryl says he would like to have stayed longer, but his pocket book was getting a little low. Maybe next time Darryl!

ADDISON COLLIER and BARBARA PADDOCK were married in Butte on Jan. 9. Add works under PETE CASSIDY in the Butte Lab, and Barbara works for JIM KILLOY in the main office in Butte.

We wish both of you much happiness.

Another retirement recently in Butte was that of HUB EVENS-KAAS who worked on maintenance in the Butte shop. Now is a good time to relax and enjoy yourself Hub, and the best of luck to you from all of us.

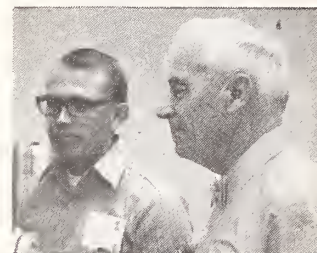
And we extend our congratulations to BILL BIRKENBUEL and EARL VALENTINE for being chosen as our construction and maintenance men-of-the-month. Bill is a resident engineer in the Dillon area, and Earl is maintenance supervisor at Divide. Keep up the good work men.

—Judy Combo, Butte

how to do it now. We discovered the hidden talent of SPOOK KNOWLES who sang "Ruby" and received a thundering ovation. The office girls honored Mrs. RUTH SULLIVAN (our new district engineer's wife) and VERA MANNS (Ed is our office boss) at a Christmas luncheon held at Borries in Black Eagle.

Our annual Christmas party was held at the Vet's Club, December 18th. A cocktail hour was followed by a delicious ham and chicken dinner with dancing after, until the wee hours. Service awards were presented to 29 faithful employees.

Retiree, Heber



Charles Heber shown at his retirement party held on December 31 in the Great Falls office. Jerry Manns is shown with him.

HELEN HOGAN is a new employee in the Great Falls Division; she is married and has two children, Karri and Rich. Her hubby Pat is employed at Slack's Cycle Shop. She is a welcome addition to the office force.

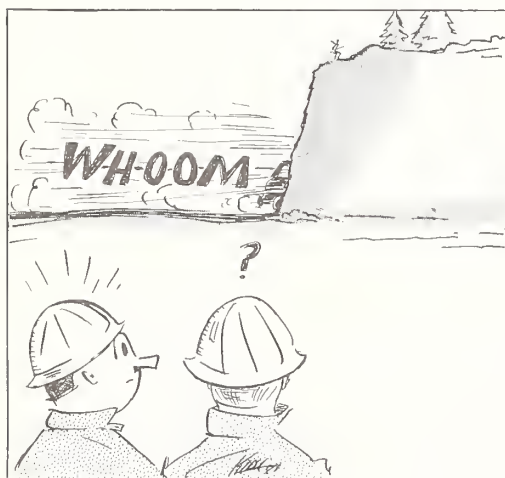
Congratulations to the WILLIAM MARQUIS family who recently welcomed a baby boy into their family.

SONNY FARRY was on our sick list for several week but is back in top shape. Sympathies are extended to LLOYD KUNKEL, Sun River maintenance man, on the death of his wife, Mary Margaret; and to DICK BERG, office engineer, on the loss of his father in Worland, Wyo.

We also have two new assistant right-of-way agents: JAMES HOFFLAND and PAT O'CONNELL. James is married to Gretchen—and they have four children. Pat is married to Claudia; and Pat is a Vietnam veteran.

—Ciel Tinelli, Great Falls

Today it costs as much to amuse a child as it did to educate his father.



"I don't recall building a tunnel there, do you?"

Great Falls

A retirement party, along with cake and gifts was held in the Great Falls office for CHARLES W. HEBER, resident engineer to whom we regretfully said farewell. Charley had been with us for over 25 years and we are going to miss his cherry "Hello Sweetheart" that is, we girls sure will.

The maintenance boys sponsored a "come as you are" Christmas buffet dinner after work at the Saddle Club. The gals had to step lively to match those boots for the "East Helena Polka" but I bet we know

The Falls winners get together



Gathered here for a group picture are the winners who participated in the annual highway achievement awards program in construction. Front row, left to right—Larry Chezick (1969), Jim Dolan (1967), Tony Tomich (1970), Larry Lesofski (1969) and back row Al Bonner (1967), Glen Enderson (1970), B. B. Briscoe, Div. Engr. (retired) and C. A. "Bud" McGiffin, Construction Engineer.